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FROM Col. Laister, Kuala Lumpur to Mr. Bozman.

Secret.

No. KL 109/33/1.

Dated 17th 30th.

Received Dec 10th.

SUBJECT:

Details of distribution and users of IRD in Malaya. Material. Would like to visit IRD when in London next.

References

(Printing Instructions)

(Outward Action)

MINUTES

We thanked Mr. Laister warmly for this excellent and informative report when he visited IRD in December.

The request in the penultimate paragraph for a specimen set of IRD paperwork seems to have been overlooked. Can something perhaps be sent? Do K.L. have a copy of the Index?

I'm sorry this jacket was sat on - it has just come to light tied with other bff.

D.C. Reith-Carey
28/2

Mr Tucker

Mrs White: Can you supply please

Jock Ross
1/3

We spoke and you asked for a complete list and specimen copies of all our material. These are being sent to you at the CRO.

2. Our Index revisions will not be ready for many weeks. Kuala Lumpur received the original

Mr. Bozman

J.B. White 8/3

(Action Completed)	(Main Indexed)
14/3	

LAST PAPER

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Mrs White JBW 8/3

Mr Tucker

I see nothing to be gained
in reviving this corpse

Col Kaister did not find time
to see me in CRO when he was
here and he — or Mr Rivett-Carnac —
must be aware that an IRD
officer will be posted to
K. Lumpur in the near future.
All that is contained in this
more than 2 months old letter
will be for the new officer
to consider — or reconsider.

C.A.B.
6.3.63

I agree.

14/3

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Enter 1 return to DOPIC (MR Rivett-Carnac)

Minutes.

A). Mr Borman. to Col. Lawton, Kuala Lumpur. P940/11/1 A 14/3

Thro. Telex - (present samples of all our productions) JW 24/3. with 1(9)(h)(3) Usual F.R. 63 JBW. 21/3

NOTHING TO BE WRITTEN IN THIS MARGIN.

M.F.P

pamphlets, articles and so forth for the Special Branch Training School. There it may go into the Reference Library, or be absorbed into the training syllabi and thus disseminated. The School caters not only for the entire Malayan Special Branch, but is concerned with "Malaysian" as well as foreign training commitments.

(D) to provide a small weekly service of material, mostly concerned with Communist China, for the use of the Federation Psychological Warfare Division.

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Enter 1 return to D.O.R.C. (Mr Rivett-Carnac) spoke. Agrees.
Mr Bardan
Mr Rivett-Carnac.

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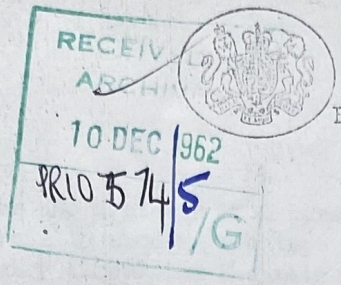

BRITISH INFORMATION SERVICES,
Police Co-operative Building,
1 Suleiman Road,
Kuala Lumpur.

KL. 109/33/1

30th November, 1962.

P.C. See Mr Lord
para. We should welcome
this.
LG
6/12

Dear Bozman,

Bill Smele has asked me to write to you as a result of a review he undertook with our Office users of material from the Information Research Department.

We have three outlets :-

1(c) (a) Through Brian Wise and his contacts with the Federation Security and Intelligence authorities

1(c) (b) Through Peter Jenkins and his Ministry of External Affairs contacts

(c) Through our own press and radio contacts.

The main user has been Security and Intelligence and the principal aims of the exercise during the past three years through Brian Wise has been :-

(A) to establish small libraries of books, with emphasis on international activities particularly in South East Asia, in Communist

1(c) (i) The Ministry of Interior
1(c) (ii) Department of the Director of Police Affairs
1(c) (iii) The Special Branch Training School.

(B) to provide background material for official contacts, on a strictly selective basis. This material is sent to the Ministry of Internal Security, to the Special Branch and, to a lesser extent, to the Psychological Warfare Division. This is limited in its circulation to Kuala Lumpur. On the other hand some of it is given wide official distribution throughout Malaya via :-

1(c) (i) The Federation Intelligence and Counter Subversion Committee, which is the parent body of sub-committees in all the States. The F.I.C.S.C. functions under the Ministry of Internal Security;

(ii) Special Branch Headquarters to the 10 Contingent Special Branch Headquarters in Malaya.

Some items thus make an extensive official impact.

(C) to provide training material in the form of ad hoc books, pamphlets, articles and so forth for the Special Branch Training School. There it may go into the Reference Library, or be absorbed into the training syllabi and thus disseminated. The School caters not only for the entire Malayan Special Branch, but is concerned with "Malaysian" as well as foreign training commitments.

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In so far as the Ministry of External Affairs is concerned Peter Jenkins carefully chooses the type of material he passes on. We know the Ministry circulates the material within the Department so that it has a very influential readership.

On the press side we did at one time have a very good, reliable contact in the main English newspaper "The Straits Times" who was able to use some of the reference material in the anti-Communist leading articles. However, this contact has left the Federation and so far we have not found a trustworthy successor. However, we feel that as circumstances are changing here, with care, more use could be made of the press and radio material from I.R.D. in future (and this may be particularly so eventually in the Territories).

It would be most helpful to us if we could have a complete file of specimen copies of all the I.R.D. editorial material including strips and cartoons to assist our efforts.

I shall be in London for a Civil Service Board on 12th December and I would very much like to take the opportunity of visiting I.R.D. to see how the Department functions, and would be most grateful for any assistance you can give. I will look you up early during my visit. I am due to return to Malaya from London on about 18th December.

I am copying this letter to Jack Hughes in I.S.D.

Kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

T.L. Laister

T.L. LAISTER, Col. (Rtd).

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I find that no answer was ever sent to your letter KL. 109/33/1 of 30th Nov. 1962. Originally no doubt this was due to the fact that we expected to meet shortly. This never transpired, due I believe to my nomadic habits, and the papers then sank.

I am now dealing with your request for a complete file of I.R.D. material which I am sending you. You will find a list of all the different types, and one copy of all the regular productions which may be of interest to you. I do not think you will have any difficulty in identifying them.

I hope this will be helpful in respect of present and future requirements.

Yours sincerely,

(G.S. Bozman.)

Col. T.L. Laister, O.B.E.,
Kuala Lumpur.